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TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST
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Tomorrow night I shall be ready, ladies and gentlemen, as promised, to begin presenting to you the Radio Free Europe, Crusade for Freedom story--which I mentioned last Thursday and Friday--a very special story. It will take several days to complete because it is a story of considerable ramifications, involves many, many people, some of them overseas, others of them scattered far and wide over the United States. It has been necessary to check every one of them individually, which has consumed a great deal of time over many weeks past.

It is the story of what happened to a brilliant and very sincere young scientist who was with one of the Free Europe operations in Munich, Germany, after he made a report with some comments and disclosures about what he had observed within the Munich operations. When this story was first called to my attention, it seemed so incredible that I refused to believe it, and it was only after many, many hours of preliminary checking that I decided that it was worth going into in an exhaustive reportorial way. That I have done, the loose ends are now all tied up, and tomorrow afternoon at this time, I shall begin presenting it to you.

In the meantime, I'm interested in some literature which the Free Europe Committee and the Crusade for Freedom is distributing, which has come to may attention and which seems significant, because it seems to illustrate the irresponsibility, the wild exaggerations that these people make in their efforts to delude their various prominent sponsors. And this came from a document which Crusade for Freedom distributed to its sponsors, trying to answer the facts that I have presented to you over this microphone about their operation.

I think these letters are self-explanatory, so that all that's necessary is for me to read the two of them. It's an exchange. The first is one which I wrote to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, last week. It is as follows: "Dear Mr. Hoover, I have a printed statement of the Crusade for Freedom on the date of November 26, 1957, which purports to answer certain statements and charges I have made regarding Radio Free Europe. Among the Crusade answers is the following: "The chief security officer of Radio Free Europe was one of the founders, with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the modern

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FBI, and accepted FBI procedures of screening are used. Back to the letter. I was interested to learn that you had a cofounder of the bureau, because I had not known that this was the case. I wonder if you could give me any details about the gentleman, Mr. Thomas E. Myers, how he collaborated with you, how you became teammates, and any information that you may have about his tenure with the bureau. Oddly enough our friend Don Whitehead seems to have carelessly omitted him from the proper credits in the FBI Story. Sincerely yours, Fulton Lewis, Jr."

In return I have the following reply from Mr. Hoover on the usual FBI stationary on the date of January 24th, that was last Friday. "Dear Fulton, I received your letter of January 20 regarding the former employment of Mr. Thomas E. Myers with this bureau. Mr. Myers began his association with this bureau as a temporary typist in our New York office on November 23, 1933. He was subsequently appointed to the position of special agent and completed a course of training at FBI headquarters, Washington, D.C., on June 23rd 1934. His first office of assignment as a special agent was at El Paso, Texas. Following his assignment to a number of other FBI offices, including our Washington, D.C., field office, where he performed investigative duties, he was transferred to FBI headquarters as a member of our training and inspection division staff on November 13th, 1940. He served in this capacity until May 28, 1941, when he again was assigned to investigative duties in the Los Angeles area. His voluntary resignation, which became effective on August 13th, 1943, was submitted while Mr. Myers was assigned at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. His services with this bureau were satisfactory. With respect to the claim that Mr. Myers was one of the founders with Mr. J. Edgar Hoover of the modern FBI, it should be noted that my administration of the FBI began in 1924 and that Mr. Myers entered the service of the bureau some ten years later and that during his tenure of service he was employed in subordinate capacities. It would appear that the claim that Mr. Myers was one of the founders of the modern FBI might be placed in the category of 'literary light.' Sincerely, Edgar."

Now in the light of this, what do you suppose possessed the people who are running the Crusade for Freedom to put out to their big name sponsors any such fiction as this--one of the founders was Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the modern FBI. Is this the sort of thing that the founders have a right to expect, the sponsors have a right to expect under the guise of factual information to keep them posted? Is this statement true or is it false or misrepresentation of of the whole cloth? And if it's false, what has been done by way of disciplinary action against

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the individual responsible for it? And one final question. If the brain-washing of the sponsors and volunteer officials is as flagrant as it is in this case, why do not these sponsors and voluntary officials step up and examine into the things that they have been told by these same hirelings who made this statement? The other things, if they do, they'll find that this is typical of most of the rest of what they have been told and are being told. If they don't, it would seem that they are delinquent in their responsibility to the public with which they are using their names and their prestige to beguile the public into financial support of the Crusade.

Once again I'll begin presenting this special story about the Free Europe operation in Munich to you tomorrow night at this same time. It'll require part of two and possibly three broadcasts.

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